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PREFACE

Although Lionism was started in North Carolina in 1922, it was in 1935 that a club was organized in Sanford, N. C. The Sanford Lions Club had twenty charter members and was sponsored by a Raleigh Lions Club.

In the early years of the Sanford Lions Club, it was very active in providing recreational facilities for the children of the community and helping to obtain eye examinations and glasses for the many citizens of this area.

Around 1938, the Sanford Lions Club started to sponsor a Lee County Agricultural Fair. This proved to be a good money raiser for the many Lions Club Projects.

Shortly after World War II, some of the far-sighted members of the Sanford Lions Club arranged for the Lions Club to buy land on the Colon Road.

This provided a permanent location for the Lee County Agricultural Fair and for many community activities. Over the years, additional land was purchased and many buildings were erected on the Lee County Fair Grounds property. The latest building was erected as a beauty pageant stage in March, 1982.

From an initial membership of twenty the Sanford Lions Club has grown to over one hundred-thirty members.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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We were able to obtain valuable information from the library of The Sanford Herald and are indebted to them for their help and cooperation.

Additional information was obtained from the Lee County Court House records on land purchased by the Sanford Lions Club.

Lions International Headquarters was able to supply information on the past officers of the Sanford Lions Club.

Another source of information was a book entitled "A Brief History of Lionism in North Carolina 1923-1966," authorized and published by the North Carolina Lions Council and the North Carolina Lions Past District Governors Organization. This book contained valuable information on State and International Lions activities.

A large supply of information was obtained from Sanford Lions Club Board of Directors minutes and from the club secretary's membership and activities reports.

Past District Governors provided information on the Lions Club's activities and guidance on the make-up of this history.

Many Sanford Lions Club members and club officials provided pictures, information and encouragement to the Historical Committee as they prepared this history.



HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Olen Sluss, Chairman
Sam W. Womble, Jr.
Lindsay Jones

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IN MEMORY - MELVIN JONES



MELVIN JONES

Melvin Jones, Founder of the International Association of Lions Clubs, was born at Fort Thomas, Arizona, January 13, 1879. His Father, John Calvin Jones, was a Captain in the Army. Melvin was educated by private tutors in Arizona and in the public schools in Missouri. He attended high schools in Khoka and St. Louis, Missouri and Union Business College in Quincy, Illinois. Later he studied law at Chaddock College in Quincy, Illinois.

At the age of twenty-one, he went to Chicago, Illinois, where he entered the office of Johnson and Higgins, Insurance Brokers. Later he established his own business, The Melvin Jones Insurance Agency.

He gave up this enterprise in the early 1920s to devote his entire attention to Lions International.

At the age of eighty-two, Melvin Jones died on June 1, 1961 in Flossmoor, Illinois and was interred there in Mount Hope Cemetery.

INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS LIONS CLUB

(1985 - 1986)

LIONS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT -

Lion Joseph L. Wroblewski, Forty Fort, Penn.

LIONS IMMEDIATE PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT -

Lion Bert Mason, Donaghadee, Northern Ireland

1ST VICE PRESIDENT -

Lion Sten R. Akestam, Stockholm, Sweden

2ND VICE PRESIDENT -

Lion Brian Stephenson, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

3RD VICE PRESIDENT -

Lion Austin P. Jennings, Woodbury, Tenn.

LIONS INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS:

William C. "Bill" Russell	Fairbanks, Alaska
Ramon D. Bagatsing	Manila, Philippines
Dr. Walter W. Ballard, Jr.	Pueblo, Colorado
M. P. "Mike" Butler	Kerrville, Texas
Zander Campos DaSilva	Gioania, Brazil
Dr. Earl Dotson	Columbia, Virginia
Lawrence A. Emerton	Goffstown, New Hampshire
David Fernandez	Magdalena DeKino, Mexico
Dr. Hans-Georg Jackel	Stienbach, Germany
Bev Kapoor	Arusha, Tanzania
James N. O'Connor	Gurnee, Illinois
Mathew Seishi Ogawa	Tokyo, Japan
Raul M. Scheelje C.	Mira Flores, Lima, Peru
Vern Seipkes	Staples, Minnesota
Leo F. Tyquin	Skye, Victoria, Australia
Dr. Jack W. Weber	Dix Hills, New York
George L. "Mick" Barrus	Marteetsf, Wyoming
John D. Buffington	Charleston, West Virginia
Quinton E. Crockett	Preston, Idaho
Norman M. Dean	Bettendorf, Iowa
Robert J. Drabek	Winner, South Dakota
Dr. Jose Alfredo Elias	Asuncion, Paraguay
Thor Hauge	Fagernes, Norway
Carlos J. Hernandez	Las Palmas, Spain
Kenneth E. Lautzenheiser	Jerome, Michigan
H. H. "Ernie" Moore	Bramalea, Ontario, Canada
Takeshi Niioka	Kure, Japan
Gordon R. Post	Danville, New Jersey

International Association Of Lions Clubs

International President Joseph Wroblewski



JOSEPH L. WROBLEWSKI

Lion Joseph L. Wroblewski of Ashley Road of Forty Fort, Pennsylvania, U. S. A., was elected International President of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 68th Convention held in Dallas, Texas, U. S. A., June 19-22, 1985.

A member of the Ashley Lions Club since 1954, Lion Wroblewski has served in a number of positions in Lionism including 100% District Governor, a two-year term as a member of the International Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International from 1976-1978 and a board appointee in 1978-1979.

Lion Wroblewski is a funeral director.

For his services on behalf of Lionism, President Wroblewski has received numerous awards which include Eight International President's Awards, An Extension Award, Advancement Key Award and The Ambassador of Goodwill Award, the highest honor a Lion can receive. In addition, President Wroblewski is a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Active in his community, President Wroblewski is a past president of North-eastern Pennsylvania Heart Association, past president Pennsylvania Association of Personnel Services, past president National Employment Association, past member of the board of directors of the Catholic Youth Center, and a member of the Pennsylvania Association National Funeral Directors Association.

President Wroblewski is a Roman Catholic and he and his wife, Normajean, have four children.

Lion John L. Stickley

(Lions International President (1956-1957))



JOHN L. (JACK) STICKLEY

Lion John L. (Jack) Stickley of Charlotte, N. C., was elected as an International Director at the 24th Annual Convention of Lions International on June 28, 1951 in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Early in 1950-1951 when Lion Stickley was serving as a District Governor of District 31-B, North Carolina Lions saw a vision of what they could contribute to Lions International leadership. Early in the 1951-1952 Lions Club Year, the State Council (composed of District Governors) appointed The Stickley Campaign Committee to promote and elect Lions Stickley to high Lions International office, mainly to 3rd Vice President of Lions International. He was elected as 3rd Vice President on July 10, 1953 at the International Convention in Chicago, Illinois.

During the Lions International Convention in Miami Beach, Florida in 1956, John L. (Jack) Stickley, North Carolina's favorite son, was elected Lions International President for the 1956-1957 Lions year. During the period of his administration, twenty-eight (28) new clubs were organized in the State.

1935 History Highlights 1985

The Sanford Lions Club was organized and chartered in 1935 with 20 Charter Members. The Club's first Charter President was Dr. G. C. Chiles and the Charter Secretary was H. H. Underwood. The other Charter Members are listed on another page in the program. The Charter was presented to the Club June 28, 1935 and on that night they inducted their 21st member, Dewey Cooper. During the Lion's year of 1938-39, Sanford had its first District Governor, Charles Lano and his Cabinet Secretary was Past President John Salmon. At that time North Carolina was divided into two Districts. Since 31F was formed, Sanford has supplied it with more District Governors than any other Club, total of six. The Club has grown to be the largest in the District with 130 Members.

Activities, being the life blood of any Club, started with a small Carnival on McIver Street where Coggins Heating and Air Conditioning Co. is now located. This being in 1935 under the Chairmanship of A. K. Miller. The Carnival has grown into our present day Fairgrounds, but not without many interesting stories.

The Fairgrounds were purchased from Lee Mitchell for \$14,000 in 1946, then 3½ acres was sold with two houses on it for \$8,000 and a corn crop for \$500. This left a total expenditure of \$5,500 for 18½ acres of land remaining. A number of years later the Deed of the Property was needed because of some property that was sold could not be found. A new Deed was drawn up, but Mr. Mitchell was at first reluctant to sign it, but after much persuasion from Stacy Budd who was the originator of the project, he signed. Two weeks later, Mr. Mitchell was killed in a tractor accident. The area now used for parking was purchased in 1951 from Warren Williams.

The Members of Sanford Lions Club have always enjoyed the fellowship that goes with its activities, work projects, fund raising and meals. Over 50 years, eating out once a week has been an experience from excellent to so-so. From 1935-1942 the Club met and ate at the Wilrik Hotel; from then on they have changed many times. The St. Clair School, Fairview Dairy (upstairs near the Bootery) several Churches around the County (to eat the good food and to encourage them to exhibit at the Fair), Campbell's Restaurant, and the Holiday Inn. In 1975, we started having meals in the new Exhibit Hall under the able direction of Tommy Mann, Sr. and no Club in all Lions International eats better for more or less money.

The Sanford Lions Club over the past 50 years has a record of Projects to be proud of. It was the first Club in the State to raise money for the Boy's Home and many of our Lions contributed personally to the Home. We support Camp Dogwood and send a number of blind persons there every summer, paying all expenses. White Cane is another project that we support and its funds go for Eye Research and the Restoration of Sight. We acquired a Leader Dog and paid for the training of the blind person that received it. Helped set some blind persons up in businesses, supply monthly support to the Exodus House.

A few of the projects that Lions have supported over the years are; L.I.F., Care, Deaf Program, Eye Clinic, County Basketball Tournament, Scholarship

Fund, The Fairgrounds and Exhibit Halls are used by many groups of the community, Farmer's Market, Boy Scouts, Farm City Week, Sanford Brick Festival, Political Rallies, Family Reunions, etc. The Sanford Lions also built the Athletic Fields at Dalrymple Park, in the year of Past President Russell Mann, and turned it over to Lee County Recreation and Parks.

About 35 years ago, the Lions of Sanford, led by Past District Governor Charles Lano and Past Cabinet Secretary John Salmon, lobbied and supported Wilkins B. Horton of Pittsboro in the General Assembly to establish the N. C. Commission for the Blind. This was the first State supported program for the Blind.

The 50th Charter Anniversary will be written into the History of the Sanford Lions Club and we want to thank you all for the very important part you played in making it a success.

Details of various club activities are included in the following pages.



Brief State History (Lions Club Movement)

North Carolina came into the Lions International organization in the Year 1922. Ten (10) clubs were organized in North Carolina that year and nine (9) of these clubs received their charter before the year's end. The clubs are as follows:

1ST - WINSTON-SALEM.	March 13, 1922
2ND - ALBERMARLE.	April 21, 1922
3RD - RALEIGH HOST CLUB	May 12, 1922
4TH - WILMINGTON	May -- 1922
5TH - FAYETTEVILLE.	July 2, 1922
6TH - DURHAM.	July -- 1922
7TH - GREENSBORO.	September 11, 1922
8TH - WILSON.	September 22, 1922
9TH - CHARLOTTE	October 20, 1922
10TH - ASHEVILLE.	December 8, 1922

The Sanford Lions Club was sponsored by the Raleigh Lions Club and the Sanford Club was organized June 12, 1935.

Brief State History

District Development

A. DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT (North Carolina)

* <u>YEAR</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>
1922	31
1937	Multiple District 31N - 31C
1939	Multiple District 31A; 31B; 31C
1950	Multiple District 31A; 31B; 31C; 31D; 31E; 31F
1954	Multiple District 31A; 31B; 31C; 31D; 31E; 31F 31G; 31H; 31J

*Information from "A Brief History of Lionism in North Carolina 1922-1936."

B. SANFORD LIONS CLUB DISTRICTS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>
1937	
1938	31C
1939	
1940	31B
1950	
1951	31D
July, 1956	31F

District 31F

Awards Night Banquet Skit

(June 1973)



ACTORS IN "WEDDING" SKIT

(Left to Right)

Demanding Father	Lion Sam Womble
Willing Bride.	Lion Glenn Edwards
Not-So-Willing Bridegroom	Lion Elbert Price
Law Enforcement Officer	Lion Vic Keith

Lions District 31F Officers (1985/1986)

(Sanford Lions Club; Region V; Zone 10)

DISTRICT GOVERNOR	Roland D. Heath
DISTRICT CABINET SECRETARY	William E. Grigg
DEPUTY DISTRICT GOVERNOR (REGION I)	Bruce Bates
ZONE 1 CHAIRMAN.	Leighton Booker
ZONE 2 CHAIRMAN.	George Leonard
DEPUTY DISTRICT GOVERNOR (REGION II)	Jerry Lee Thomas
ZONE 3 CHAIRMAN.	Randel A. Dunn
ZONE 4 CHAIRMAN.	Richard Lowry, Jr.
DEPUTY DISTRICT GOVERNOR (REGION III)	James H. Freeman
ZONE 5 CHAIRMAN.	William T. Gentry
ZONE 6 CHAIRMAN.	Davis R. Godwin
DEPUTY DISTRICT GOVERNOR (REGION IV)	Donald Lundy
ZONE 7 CHAIRMAN.	William L. Miller
ZONE 8 CHAIRMAN.	Alvin Vasser
DEPUTY DISTRICT GOVERNOR (REGION V)	Roger L. Williams
ZONE 9 CHAIRMAN.	Gerald D. Olsen
ZONE 10 CHAIRMAN.	J. R. Diggs

Sanford Lions Club

A. MAJOR YEARLY EVENTS

1. Installation of New Club Officers
2. Awards Night
3. Lee County Agricultural Fair
4. Charter Night
5. Farm-City Week
6. Christmas Party
7. Joint Meeting - Sanford & Broadway Lions Clubs
8. Father-Daughter Night
9. Father-Son Night
10. New Member Banquet
11. Nominating Committee - New Slate of Club Officers
12. Election - New Club Officers

B. SANFORD LIONS CLUB "DEN" LOCATIONS:

1. Wilrik Hotel
2. Rose City Cafeteria
3. High School Cafeteria
4. Various Area Churches
5. Larry's Grill Restaurant
6. Campbell's Restaurant
7. Holiday Inn Restaurant
8. New Lions Club Exhibit Hall - Fairgrounds

C. SANFORD LIONS CLUB AWARDS

1. Stacy Budd Award - "Lion of the Year"
2. J. Glenn Edwards Award - Best Program of the Year.
3. Motor Mouth Award

Sanford Lions Club Projects

Since the establishment of the Sanford Lions Club in 1935, the club has worked on many projects to help its fellow man. Some of the projects helped by the Sanford Lions Club are as follows:

A. PROJECTS

1. WHITE CAN (N. C. Association for the Blind)
2. N. C. EYE BANK & EYE WILLS (1st eye bank established Winston-Salem 1951)
3. GLAUCOMA SCREENING CLINIC (1st in Sanford, N.C.)
4. L.C.I.F. (Lions Clubs International Foundation)
5. CARE (Helping needy people throughout the world)
6. CAMP DOGWOOD (Located Iredell County, near Lake Norman)
7. BOYS HOME (Home by State Lions Club - 1960) (Lake Waccamaw)
8. BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT (Local)
9. CHRISTMAS TREE PARTIES (For poor children - early years of Sanford Lions Club)
10. CHRISTMAS CHEER (Local)
11. GIRLS HAVEN (At Huntersville, N.C.)
12. MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM
13. YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS IN OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS
14. THE RECREATION DEPT. WITH ITS MANY PROGRAMS
15. LEADER DOG PROGRAM FOR THE BLIND

B. PROJECTS USED BY SANFORD LIONS CLUB TO RAISE MONEY

1. LEE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR
2. BINGO GAMES (Early days of Club)
3. BROOM SALES
4. LIGHT BULB SALES
5. SALE OF CANDY ROLLS
6. SALE OF GLOVES

Sanford Lions Club

First Meeting

Sanford Lions Club organized - June 12, 1935.

The Sanford Club came into being last night when twenty (20) business and professional people met at the Wilrik Hotel to form the Lions Club of Sanford, N. C.

Dr. George Chiles was elected Charter President and held its first meeting in the presence of a large number of out-of-town Lions.

The Sanford Club is the 49th unit of the International Association of Lions Clubs in the 21st Unit of the N. C. District and is the fifth Lions Club formed in the state during the past five weeks.

C. J. Underwood of Chicago, organizer from the Headquarters of Lions International, performed the formation of the Sanford Club and presided at the gathering last night. Mr. Underwood told the audience that the average age of Lions in the International Organization was 40 years. He outlined the wide spread activities of the system.

Local Lions plan to attend the State Convention in Raleigh, N. C. District Governor Guy O. Bagwell, Charlotte, who will preside over this meeting, was here for the meeting and made a brief speech.

The Sanford Lions Club organized June 12, 1935. The Sanford Club has not agreed on a regular meeting time but will decide the question at their first luncheon meeting next Thursday in the Wilrik Hotel.

MEMBERS OF RALEIGH CLUB PRESENT:

President Forrest Heath
Herly Shaw
Zack Bacon
A. Wade Pridgen
Graham McConnell
Secretary W. T. Betts
S. H. Hassineth

OUT OF TOWN GUESTS:

Dunn Lions: F. Haywood West
G. A. Jackson

Past President Charlotte Club - John Vickers

The new club was formally welcomed into the Civic Life of the City by Mayor Banks Wilkins.

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Charter Members **(Sanford Lions Club)**

(Club organized June 12, 1935)

George Glasgow Chiles	Ernest Lee Kennedy
June Alton Phillips	Frank Reid Clegg
Frederick Ray, Jr.	H. H. Underwood
Phillip Chaffin Yarborough	Ralph Hill Meeks
Lynn McIver Perry	Charles Alvin Lano
George Glenn Dorsett	Robert Henry Thomas
Wilmont Carols Thomas	Frank Leard Baber
James Franklin Jones	Arnold Knight Miller
Alexander Betts Wilkins	Joseph Monroe Wilkins
Robert Frank Joyce	Michael Holt Newlin

CLUB OFFICERS

President	Dr. George Chiles
Vice President 1st	G. G. Dorsett
2nd	J. F. Jones
3rd	W. Carlos Thomas
Secretary	H. H. Underwood
Treasurer	Ernest Kennedy
Lion Tamer	Lynn Perry
Tail Twister	A. K. Miller
Directors	Charles A. Lano
	J. A. Phillips
	Frank R. Clegg
	A. B. Wilkins

Stacy Budd **Lion Of The Year Award Winners**

This award is given each year to a Lions Club Member who is considered the most outstanding member of the Sanford Lions Club:

LION	YEAR	LION	YEAR
John Causey	1965-1966	Adrian Benedict	1975-1976
Thomas A. Gill	1966-1967	Thomas C. Mann, Sr.	1976-1977
Russel L. Mann	1967-1968	Frank Dyer	1977-1978
Roy Perry	1968-1969	R. L. Shaw	1978-1979
Tim Cox	1969-1970	J. R. Huff	1979-1980
Russel L. Mann	1970-1971	C. W. McManus	1980-1981
G. P. Phelps	1971-1972	John Causey	1981-1982
Russel L. Mann	1972-1973	Avron Upchurch	1982-1983
O. A. Zachary	1973-1974	Joe Barnhardt	1983-1984
Winston Hester	1974-1975	Glenn A. Matthews	1984-1985

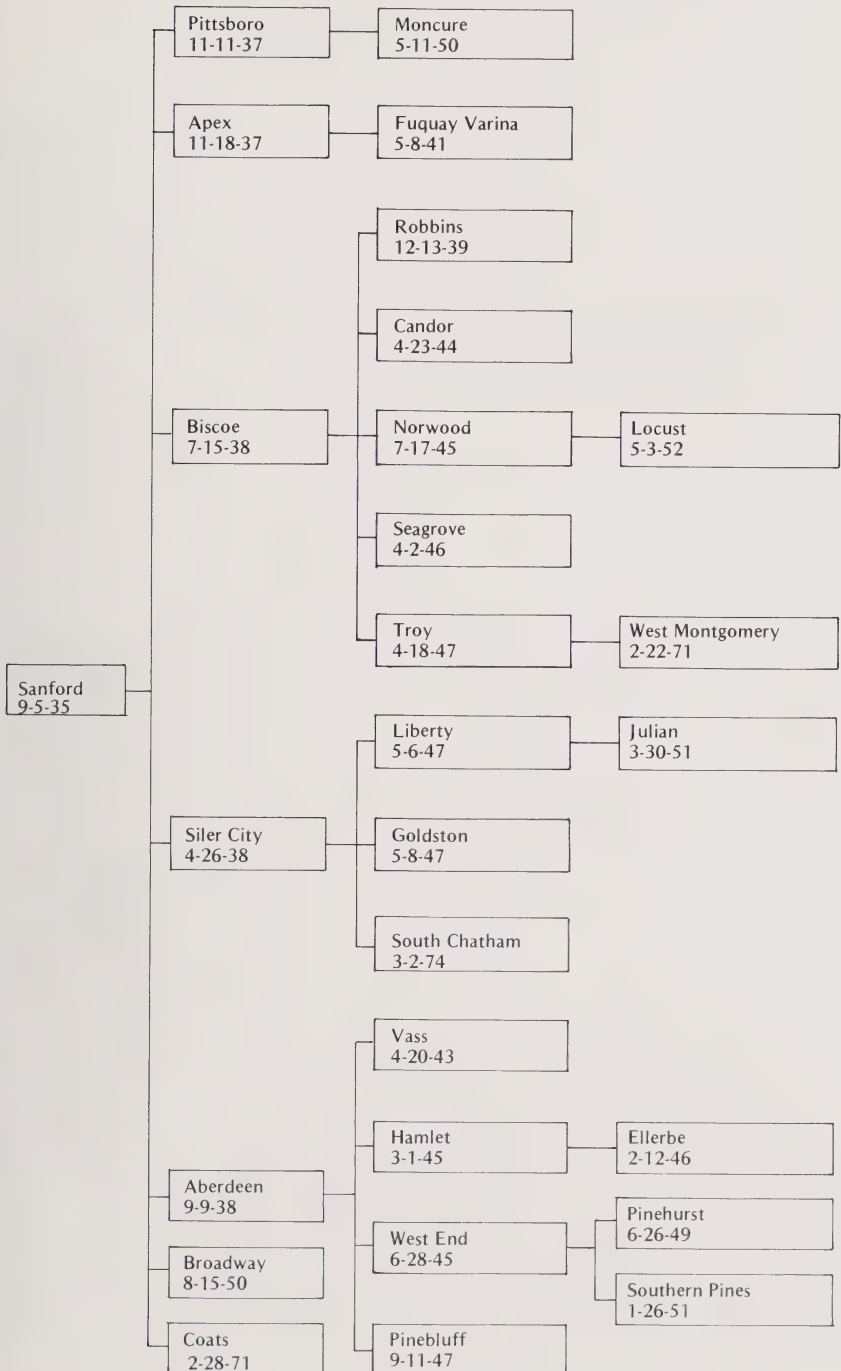
Sanford Lions Club (Motor Mouth Award)

This award is presented to a Sanford Lion Club Member each year who in the opinion of most club members has many abilities. Of the many factors considered in awarding this trophy, the ability to "Outtalk" other members is the top requirement to win this award.

YEAR	NAME OF MEMBER (Honored)
1970-1971	Clyde Rhyne
1971-1972	Vic Keith
1972-1973	Elbert Price
1973-1974	Harry Thomas
1974-1975	Dewey Cooper
1975-1976	Roy Perry
1976-1977	Guy Boger
1977-1978	Buck Wallace
1978-1979	Winston Hester
1979-1980	Roger Lee
1980-1981	Bob Shaw
1981-1982	Everette Brooks
1982-1983	Clyde Coward
1983-1984	Walter Roberts
1984-1985	Luther Hangen



Fifty Years Of Lionism



District Governors From (Sanford Lions Club)

NAME	DATE SERVED	DISTRICT
Charles A. Lano	1938-1939	"C"
Lynn McIver, Jr.	1943-1944	"B"
Stacy Budd	1958-1959	"F"
Glenn Edwards	1964-1965	"F"
King Moore Willis	1968-1969	"F"
Russel Mann	1972-1973	"F"
Avron Upchurch	1976-1977	"F"
Winston Hester	1980-1981	"F"

Past District Governors



L to R: Winston Hester, Avron Upchurch, Glenn Edwards, Russel Mann, King Moore Willis.

**Lion Stacy Budd
Campaign For District Governor
District 31F**

(1958-1959)



SANFORD LIONS CLUB MEMBERS - LEFT TO RIGHT

Lion Bill Brinn, Lion Stacy Budd, Lion Max McLeod, Lion Paul Watson, Lion Paul Rosser, Lion Bill Tatum, Lion Roy Perry (In background).

Sanford Lions Club Presidents

NAME	DATE	NAME	DATE
Dr. G. G. Chiles.	1935-1936	Phil Buchanan.	1960-1961
C. A. Lano	1936-1937	Carl Foushee	1961-1962
A. K. Miller	1937-1938	J. Glenn Edwards	1962-1963
G. G. Dorsett	1938-1939	King Moore Willis	1963-1964
D. F. Harris	1939-1940	Dr. A. M. Oelrich.	1964-1965
W. O. Spence	1940-1941	C. W. McManus	1965-1966
W. W. Seymour	1941-1942	Gordon Fogle	1966-1967
J. T. Salmon.	1941-1942	E. L. Kennedy	1967-1968
J. T. Salmon.	1942-1943	M. B. Harper.	1968-1969
R. H. Meeks	1943-1944	Russel Mann	1969-1970
A. E. White	1944-1945	Elbert Price	1970-1971
J. R. Huff	1945-1946	James Naylor	1971-1972
Stacy Budd	1946-1947	Tom Gill	1972-1973
O. M. House	1947-1948	Avron Upchurch	1973-1974
Max McLeod	1948-1949	Sam Profio.	1974-1975
C. B. Foushee.	1949-1950	Roy Perry	1975-1976
J. E. Davis	1950-1951	Robert Shaw	1976-1977
W. J. Brinn.	1951-1952	Winston Hester	1977-1978
N. V. Keith	1952-1953	Olen Sluss	1978-1979
K. R. Gallup.	1953-1954	J. O. Bridges, Jr.	1979-1980
M. L. Snipes	1954-1955	Harry Thomas.	1980-1981
John Ellis.	1955-1956	Charles Martin	1981-1982
Tommy Mann, Sr.	1956-1957	Orton Cameron.	1982-1983
Lynn Perry.	1957-1958	Bobby Diggs.	1983-1984
J. O. Bridges, Sr.	1958-1959	Walter Roberts	1984-1985
W. H. Davis	1959-1960	Tony G. Williams.	1985-1986

Past President's Picture (1935 - 1969)



PAST LIONS CLUB PRESIDENTS HONORED — Sanford Lions Club gave special recognition at a recent meeting to the members who have served as its president since the club was organized in 1935. Honored were the following: front row, left to right, M. B. Harper, King Moore Willis, Dr. G. G. Chiles, first president of the club, W. W. Seymour, Stacy Budd; second row, left to right, J. Ed Davis, J. Glenn Edwards, P. H. Buchanan, Ralph Meeks, John C. Ellis, Dr. A. M. Oelrich, W. J. Brinn; third row, left to right, K. R. Gallup, Tommy C. Mann, J. R. Huff, C. W. McManus, Carl C. Foushee, Max McLeod, Sam Davis. Absent were N. V. Keith, A. E. White, Lynn Perry, M. L. Snipes.

Past President's Picture (1970 - 1985)



(L to R) Robert Shaw, Tony G. Williams, Avron B. UpChurch, J. R. (Bobby) Diggs, Jimmy Bridges, Orton J. Cameron, Elbert C. Price, Charles E. Martin, Winston Hester, Olen Sluss, Walter L. Roberts, Jr., James Naylor, Norman (Vick) Keith, Roy Perry, Harry Thomas, Russel L. Mann.

Sanford Lions Club Secretaries

NAME	DATE	NAME	DATE
H. H. Underwood	1935-1937	J. O. Bridges, Jr.	1959-1961
F. R. Clegg	1937-1938	C. W. McManus, Jr.	1961-1963
F. R. Clegg (John Salmon)	1938-1939	J. T. Naylor	1963-1965
W. O. Spence	1939-1940	Tom Gill	1965-1967
H. W. Seawell	1940-1941	Russel Mann	1967-1969
W. H. Ray	1941-1942	Tim Cox	1969-1971
W. E. McNair	1942-1943	Winston Hester	1971-1972
T. E. Stewart	1943-1945	Bob Monneyham	1972-1973
C. B. Foushee	1945-1946	Hal Siler	1973-1975
W. H. Ray	1946-1949	Glenn Matthews	1975-1977
C. H. McAdams	1949-1950	Charles LaRue	1977-1978
J. C. Ellis	1950-1952	Wilson Seymour	1978-1980
Sam Davis	1952-1953	Bobby Diggs	1980-1982
O. A. Zachary	1953-1955	Bill Whiteman	1982-1984
King Moore Willis	1955-1957	Larry Dettman	1984-1986
Roy Perry	1957-1959		

Sanford Lions Club Fair Directors

YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME
1935	--	1961	H. G. Wrenn
1936	--	1962	Harry Thomas
1937	--	1963	Harry Thomas
1938	A. K. Miller	1964	Sidney Boaz
1939	Dela Harris	1965	Vic Keith
1940	Dela Harris	1966	Bob Shaw
1941	W. R. Makepeace, Jr.	1967	King Moore Willis
1942	(Fair Canceled)	1968	Glenn Matthews
1943	(Fair Canceled)	1969	Elbert Price
1944	John T. Salmon	1970	Wilbur Clegg
1945	Lynn McIver, John T. Salmon	1971	Calvin Caviness
1946	Lynn McIver, John T. Salmon	1972	Everette Brooks
1947	Max McLeod	1973	O. A. Zachery
1948	Bob Miller	1974	Winston Hester
1949	J. E. Davis	1975	Olen Sluss
1950	I. J. Morris	1976	Roy Cashion
1951	Ken Gallup	1977	Tommy Mann, Jr.
1952	Tommy Mann, Sr.	1978	Charles Martin
1953	M. L. Snipes	1979	Bill Freeman
1954	Ray Wood	1980	Walter Roberts
1955	Sam Davis	1981	Tommy Griffin
1956	Mike Harper	1982	Tony Williams
1957	Roy Perry	1983	Joe Barnhardt
1958	Carl Foushee	1984	Bob Nelson
1959	Roy Perry	1985	Guy Boger
1960	Jim Hulin		

Sanford Lions Club Membership List

MEMBER	DATE JOINED	BIRTH DATE	LIONESS
Allen, Richard "Dick"	1980/06	11/28	Eleanor
Badgett, Ernest	1984/08	03/15	Beverly
Ballinger, E. Earl	1982/04	04/22	Estelle
Barnhardt, Joseph "Joe"	1979/04	07/27	Betty (D)
Baumert, Herbert "Herb"	1980/06	11/20	Mary Louise
Benedict, Adrian "Benny"	1970/01	10/25	Magalene
Blue, Coker D.	1964/01	04/11	Mabel
Boaz, Sidney "Sid"	1958/03	02/07	Dorothy
Boger, Jr., Guy	1955/01	10/17	Jeannine
Bokhoven, Howard	1984/04	05/23	Diane
Bridges, James "Jimmie"	1956/02	05/06	Ernestine
Bridges, John F.	1976/10	05/30	Geraldine
Brinn, William J. "Bill"	1939/01	05/06	Margaretta
Brooks, Everett	1959/04	05/20	Virginia
Brotherton, George	1973/10	04/18	Beatrice
Burkhead, Cooper "Scooter"	1951/06	03/05	Doris
Cameron, Orton Jr.	1976/06	04/12	Katherine
Campbell, Walter D.	1961/05	12/15	Betty
Cashion, Roy W.	1971/12	10/31	Ruth
Causey, John M.	1960/10	12/16	Victoria
Caviness, Calvin G.	1961/02	07/29	Peggy
Chuman, Thomas "Tom"	1985/06	05/23	Lynn
Cotten, W. Russell	1981/02	12/06	Mildred
Coward, Clyde	1965/10	08/08	Jeanette
Cox, Henry	1983/06	05/20	Janice
Davis, J. Edward "Ed"	1944/02	09/25	Louise
Dettman, Lawrence "Larry"	1980/01	11/08	Mary Ann
Diggs, J. R. "Bobby"	1979/05	07/14	Mayna
Dollar, Donald E.	1981/04	09/08	Priscilla
Dossenbach, Jr., Jack	1979/04	04/05	Florence
Doster, Woods	1980/12	03/11	Kathryn
Drury, Walter L.	1980/03	08/05	Janice
Dyer, Frank S.	1951/12	11/26	Helen
Eaton, John D.	1983/03	10/29	Donna
Edwards, J. Glenn	1939/01	08/04	Christine
Ellis, John C. (D)	1943/08	05/18	Margaret
Ferrin, Wayne	1983/01	08/14	Marsha
Fields, Ralph H.	1969/03	03/12	Clara Lee
FitzGerald, Gerald "Doc"	1972/11	06/12	Dorothy
Foushee, Wayne	1980/12	10/01	Beth
Freeman, Jr., William R.	1972/11	01/12	Betty
Gallup, Kenneth "Ken"	1934/05	10/10	Margaret

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Groce, Ralph	1945/07	12/04	Tommie
Gunderson, Donn	1981/06	12/31	Jan
Hangen, Luther "Hangman"	1979/10	06/06	Dorothy "Doe"
Harper, M. B. "Mike"	1949/01	06/04	Mary
Hartis, Ronald L. "Ron"	1983/01	02/27	Sharon
Hester, Jr., L. B.	1946/02	11/03	Virginia
Hester, Winston	1965/10	09/01	Margaret
Holmes, Richard F. "Dick"	1984/01	10/26	Shani
Holt, Billy "Bill"	1973/08	09/27	Shirley
Holt, James S.	1985/03	05/29	Alice
Hornaday, Norman	1966/06	12/06	Jeane
Huff, James R. "Jim"	1940/06	03/03	Beverly
Hughes, Robert K. "Bob"	1978/04	07/09	Barbara
Isenhour, Howard	1964/06	10/18	Phyllis
Jackson, Reginald N.	1967/09	05/10	Sybil
James, Harold	1971/10	09/05	Betsy
Jarman, Harry D.	1984/03	04/14	Elmyra
Jernigan, Roy	1983/03	04/03	Billie
Jones, E. Lindsay	1970/04	04/23	Nelda
Joyce, Robert F.	1978/03	08/05	Annette
Julian, Frank R.	1970/09	03/07	Pat
Keith, Norman "Vick"	1946/07	09/23	Carolyn
Kocisko, Joseph S. "Joe"	1983/05	03/22	Irene
Langston, George D. "Dal"	1985/04	05/01	Single
LaRue, Charles	1979/06	02/02	Jane
Lee, Roger B.	1965/10	10/08	Virginia
Lett, Gilbert	1955/11	08/20	Isabelle
Mabe, Kenneth "Ken"	1982/01	03/12	Katherine
Mann, Jr., Tommy	1972/12	01/14	Joyce
Mann, Russel L.	1961/10	11/26	Julia
Mann, Sr., Tommy	1943/06	06/16	Sarah
Maples, Robert "Bob"	1984/01	01/04	Katherine
Martin, Charles E.	1972/08	12/24	Martha
Mathes, Walter "Walt"	1983/05	06/04	Sally
Matthews, Glenn A.	1961/10	05/30	Lora
McGee, Wendell	1982/04	10/24	Martha
McManus, Cummins "Mac"	1952/01	05/17	Eloise
Miller, Reginald "Reggie"	1976/10	11/23	Sue
Miller, William J. "Billy"	1965/10	07/16	Rudine
Mooneyham, Robert L.	1971/02	08/25	Beulah
Naylor, James	1962/03	06/12	Ruth
Nelson, Robert "Bob"	1980/10	11/16	Peggy
Newman, William J. "Bill"	1983/05	11/13	Margy
Paschal, Nathan E. "Ed"	1983/02	12/03	Betty

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Patterson, William "Bill"	1977/01	12/19	Helen
Pepper, Clifford "Cliff"	1976/01	09/16	Sylvia
Perry, Roy	1950/01	03/08	Peggy
Phillips, Charles "Bucky"	1965/10	11/13	Frances
Pickard, Worth F.	1980/01	02/13	Nancy
Price, Elbert C.	1954/10	02/28	Melba Jane
Reed, Gene A.	1985/03	09/11	Mary Jane
Rhyne, Clyde	1962/10	06/12	Eunice (D)
Roberts, Jr., Walter L.	1976/03	01/13	Tulline
Rosser, A. Paul	1952/01	04/28	Mary
Rumbold, Jim M.	1950/09	07/08	Mary
Salmon, John T.	1937/04	07/26	Elizabeth
Sauls W. Harold	1981/09	01/24	Betty
Schubert, C. William	1982/05	07/01	Virginia
Seymour, Jr., W. W.	1976/10	07/19	Annette
Seymour, Sr., W. W. "Woody"	1937/01	06/02	Helen
Shaw, Sr., Robert "Bob"	1957/04	08/06	Dahlia
Shepherd, B. Dale	1978/12	10/18	Single
Siler, Hal T.	1965/03	12/13	Ester
Sloan, Joe Dan	1972/12	05/10	Jane
Sluss, Olen	1969/06	08/06	Juanita
Smith, Odus G.	1960/07	08/14	Lespie
Smith, Roy E.	1977/10	07/21	Jean
Somers, Milton "Milt"	1982/02	11/15	Winota
Street, Martin L.	1983/05	12/15	Mary
Swain, Steve	1978/10	12/18	Sandy
Thomas, Harry	1954/10	06/13	Berta
Thompson, John C. "Jack"	1984/01	09/19	Virginia
Upchurch, Avron B.	1965/10	08/21	Mary
Utley, E. Winslow "Wegie"	1962/10	04/09	Nadine
Utley, Paul	1982/05	03/25	Single
Utley, Roy	1983/03	05/01	Nellie
Wainwright, George	1980/06	12/11	Betty
Wallace, E. C. "Buck"	1946/01	02/26	"Bea"
White, Robert R. "Bob"	1985/02	08/24	Single
Whiteman, William "Bill"	1980/05	04/29	Jeannette
Wicker, Gordon	1975/11	09/13	Hazel
Wicker, Jade W.	1985/03	02/12	Single
Williams, Tony G.	1976/09	11/27	Ella
Willis, King Moore	1953/04	05/06	Dot
Woerner, Geldard L. "Gil"	1984/01	05/25	Olga
Womble, Clyde	1950/09	04/27	Betty
Womble, Michael P.	1971/04	08/29	Joan
Womble, Samuel W. "Long"	1947/05	08/17	Mildred

Sanford Lions Club Members

1937



SEATED (L to R)

A. K. Miller
Lynn Perry
D. L. Fousts
Frank Brooks

John Salmon
Glenn Dorsett
Frank Clegg
John Thomas

Ernest Kennedy
Dewey Baker
Percy Makepeace
Max McLeod

STANDING (L to R)

Raymond Knight
Bill Spence
Dela Harris
L. Preston Cox
Truby Proctor
Aubrey White
Ralph Meeks
Clinton Patterson

Dan Matthews
Leonard Crumpler
Glenn Edwards
Tom Salmon
Frank Joyce
Hubert Seawell
Woody Seymour
Eddie Rissell (Visitor)

Bill Makepeace
Hamp Byerly
Hugh Stone
Broaddus Foushee
Fred Beck (Visitor)
Jimmie Bridges, Sr.
Bill Brinn

Lee County Agricultural Fair History

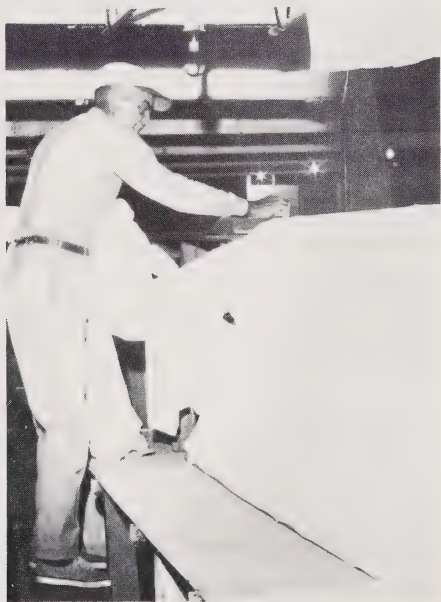
According to available records, the first Lee County Agricultural Fair was held in 1913. A small group of local businessmen bought stock at \$500.00 per share in an organization called the Lee County Agricultural Society. Ads were sold in an annual fair book to raise money to pay small cash awards for premium winners at each fair.

Over the years the fair was held in many locations in the Town of Sanford, N. C. During one of the fairs, town hall was called Floral Hall and inside the town hall were many exhibits. Various rides such as a merry-go-round, the ferris wheel and other rides plus a few sideshows and exhibits of animals were included. This fair was located on the southern end of Hawkins Avenue, a block of Chatham Street, one block of Charlotte Avenue and a block of Carthage Street. The year was 1919.

In 1938, the Sanford Lions Club took over the operation of the Lee County Agricultural Fair. That year the fair was held at Temple Park, McIver Street. Credit for beginning the fair is given to A. K. Miller, then President of the Sanford Lions Club. The fair location remained at Temple Park for 10 years. In the early days Lions Club members sold all of the tickets.

In 1946 the Sanford Lions Club made their first purchase of land for a fairground on the Colon Road. A corn crop was grown on this land and the club members harvested the corn and sold it. The Lions Club built an exhibit hall and a fence from oak boards. At purchase time, two houses were located on the land. As land and money was available, the Sanford Lions Club purchased additional land for the fairground. The rest of the Lee County Agricultural Fair is history.

LION SAM WOMBLE HELPING
TO PREPARE EXHIBIT HALL
FOR THE LEE COUNTY FAIR



Sanford Lions Club Fairground Activities

DATE	ITEM
August 12, 1946	11.50 acres purchased by Sanford Lions Club from H. I. Mitchell and wife CLUB TRUSTEES: Stacy Budd, J. T. Salmon, Lynn McIver, Jr.
April 14, 1947	2.42 acres purchased from C. W. Kelly CLUB TRUSTEES: Stacy Budd, J. T. Salmon, Lynn McIver, Jr.
September, 1947	Old Exhibit Hall constructed and ready for fair Sept. 29 - Oct. 4, 1947.
August 4, 1948	7.58 acres purchased by Sanford Lions Club
May 16, 1952	Extended 5th Street and Weatherspoon Street to fair-ground
May, 1952	Kitchen built in old exhibit hall
April 8, 1954	Poultry, cattle and swine barn built, size 108' x 50'
June 8, 1954	4.80 acres purchased by Lions Club from City of Sanford
August 11, 1958	12.7 acres purchased by Lions Club from W. R. Williams Family
June 2, 1961	Erected fence around fairgrounds
October, 1961	Office erected in old exhibit hall
January, 1962	Built larger office in old exhibit hall
July, 1962	Cattle barn, size doubled, work by Sanford Lions Club members
September, 1965	Outside toilet facilities built
October, 1966	Paved 5th Street past second parking gate
February, 1967	New outside kitchen built
November, 1969	Athletic field built for recreation department, Lion Everett Brooks, Chairman
June 26, 1975	New exhibit hall erected Committee: Winston Hester, Chairman, Calvin Caviness, Hal Siler, John Ellis, R. Mann, Coker Blue, Vic Keith, Glenn Matthews
January, 1981	New kitchen added, new exhibit hall
February, 1981	New roof, old exhibit hall
March, 1982	Beauty pageant stage erected

Planning Session Recreation Park At Lee County Fairgrounds

(NOVEMBER 27, 1969)



SCHEMING FOR YOUTH — Planning new recreation park at the Fairgrounds are, left to right, Hal Siler, Everett Brooks, Joel Stutts, and Russel Mann. Siler, official “tail-twister” for the Lions, also drew the map illustrating the proposed project. Brooks was chairman of the park planning committee for the club. Stutts, director of the city recreation department, is properly thrilled at such civic generosity. Mann is Lions Club president.



LION ELBERT PRICE DOING
HIS "CHORES" IN THE
LIVESTOCK BARN

1985

Sanford Lions Club Charter Night

SPECIAL CHARTER NIGHT COMMITTEE

K. M. Willis, Co-Chairman
Orton Cameron, Co-Chairman

Winston Hester
Avron Upchurch

Russel Mann
Glenn Edwards

CHARTER NIGHT COMMITTEE

Orton Cameron, Chairman

Ed Davis
Vic Keith

Charles Martin
Sam Womble

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Dick Holmes, Chairman

Henry Cox
Don Dollar
Bill Freeman

Ron Hartis
Dal Langston
Walt Mathes

Paul Utley

FOOD COMMITTEE

Adrian Benedict, Chairman
Tommy Mann, Sr., Chairman

Joe Dan Sloan
Joe Kocisko
Roy Perry
Robert White
Earl Ballinger
Roy Cashion
Russell Cotten

Harry Jarman
James Holt
Ed Pascal
Gill Woerner
Joe Barnhardt
Donn Gunderson
Cliff Pepper

Sam Womble

Sanford Lions Club Organizational Plan

(OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS)

President

Secretary

Treasurer

Vice President

Vice President

Vice President

Lion Tamer

Tail Twister

Immediate Past President (Ex-Officio)

Director (1st Year)

Director (1st Year)

Director (2nd Year)

Director (2nd Year)

Fair Director

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:

Attendance

Constitution and Bylaws

Convention

Finance

Information and Education

Membership Development

Program

Publicity

Bulletin

Fair Directors

Historian

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEES:

Agriculture

Citizenship and Patriotism

Community Betterment

Health and Welfare

Sight Conservation and White Cane

Boys and Girls

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Charter Night

Visitation and Arrangements

Music

Boys Home

Welcome

Hearing Conservation

Food Committee

Christmas Cheer

Property Trustees

Scholarship

Special Events

Sanfords Lions Club

1935 - Fiftieth Anniversary - 1985

OCTOBER 24, 1985

Call To Order	Tony G. Williams (President)
Pledge To Flag	Avron B. Upchurch (Past District Governor)
Invocation	J. Glenn Edwards (Past District Governor)
Introduction Of Dinner Entertainment	Avron B. Upchurch (Past District Governor)
Entertainment	Eugene Jones (Artist in Residence CCTC)
Recognition Of Clubs.	King Moore Willis (Past District Governor)
Introduction Of Guest	Russel L. Mann (Past District Governor)
Introduction Of Speaker.	Winston C. Hester (Past District Governor)
Speaker	J. L. (Jack) Stickley (Past President, Lions International)
Presentation	Tony G. Williams (President)
Benediction	Orton J. Cameron (Past President)



SANFORD LIONS CLUB